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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 27, 2005, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 14 and 32-40 have been cancelled. Claims 1-13, 15-31 and 41-50 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1, 11, 13 and 41 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1, 11, 13 and 41 have been amended. A version of the claims containing markings to show the changes made is included hereinabove. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Preliminary Matters

The pending Appeal is hereby withdrawn.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended Applicant's representative during a phone conversation on August 22, 2006 where additional definition regarding the term "hyperlink" were discussed. The claims have been amended as discussed with the Examiner.

The Examiner made this office action a final office action even though it is the first office action after filing of an RCE, which Applicants believe is improper. The Examiner maintained his previous rejection but utilized a different part of the prior art (for example, the reference to column 7, lines 39-44 of Bergman). Further the Examiner cited additional prior art made of record (U. S. Patents 6,589,290; 6,209,006 and 6,639,610 as well as U.S. Published Patent Applications US2004/0044743 and 2005/0216861) which was not listed in the prior office actions. Applicants request that the finality of the rejection of December 27, 2005 be withdrawn.

Rejections under §102

Claims 1-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,909,678 to Bergman et al. (hereinafter Bergman). Bergman discloses a Java application that utilizes a drag and drop template to compose a structured natural

language query. Bergman does not utilize a hyperlink for presenting a control to a user for interaction such that the user can replace an element in a form.

In contrast to Bergman, claims 1, 11, 13 and 41 recite utilizing a hyperlink for presenting a control to a user for interaction such that the user can replace an element in a form. Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, 13, and 41 to further define the hyperlink, stating that the "hyperlink including a reference to a Universal Resource Locator (URL)". Applicants have enclosed herewith a printout of a portion of a web page from Wikipedia explaining that a hyperlink is known to include a reference to a URL, and therefore Applicants believe that this addition to the claims does not comprise new matter. Bergman fails to disclose or suggest a hyperlink, as the term is understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, as used in the specification and as defined by the dictionary and further Bergman fails to disclose or suggest a reference to a URL as is provided by the hyperlink, and further that the hyperlink is utilized for presenting a control to a user for interaction such that the user can replace an element in a form.

Therefore, since amended claims 1, 11, 13 and 41 include a hyperlink including a reference to a URL, while Bergman fails to disclose or suggest a hyperlink including a reference to a URL, claims 1, 11, 13 and 41 are believed allowable over Bergman. Claims 14 and 32-40 have been cancelled. Claims 2-10, 12, 15-31 and 42-50 depend from claims 1, 11 or 41 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is believed allowable.

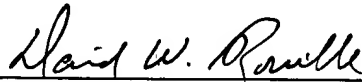
In view of the above, the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome placing claims 1-13, 15-31 and 41-50 in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperlink>

How hyperlinks work in HTML

A link has two ends, called anchors, and a direction. The link starts at the source anchor and points to the destination anchor. However, the term *link* is often used for the source anchor, while the destination anchor is called the link target.

The most common link target is a URL used in the World Wide Web. This can refer to a document, e.g. a webpage, or other resource, or to a *position* in a webpage. The latter is achieved by means of a HTML element with a "name" or "id" attribute at that position of the HTML document. The URL of the position is the URL of the webpage with "*#attribute name*" appended.